

MEETING MINUTES CITY OF MILPITAS

Minutes of: City Council Open Government Subcommittee
Date: Wednesday, August 2, 2006
Time: 5:30 PM
Location: Committee Room, Milpitas City Hall,
455 East Calaveras Blvd.

- I. ROLL CALL** PRESENT: Vice Mayor Gomez, Councilmember Livengood
- STAFF: City Attorney Eric Danly (by telephone conference), Asst.
Information Services Director Terry Medina, City Clerk Mary Lavelle

CALL TO ORDER Vice Mayor Gomez called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – approved by consensus
- III. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES** – approved for July 12, 2006
- IV. PUBLIC FORUM** – None
- V. DISCUSSION OF OPEN GOVERNMENT ORDINANCE**

Form 700/Statement of Economic Interest

Councilmember Livengood asked the City Attorney three specific questions that may be answered at the next meeting:

- 1) On the annual Form 700/Statement of Economic Interests: he asked about third party or personal loans for mortgaged property, and does that need to be disclosed? He gave the example if the City Manager purchased a home, and the seller carried back the mortgage, would that need to be revealed on the Form 700?
- 2) When a public official is part of a living trust, with property held in that trust, must this be disclosed? If property was a rental, must it be disclosed?
- 3) If property is not located within the City of Milpitas, owned for example by the City Manager, but was very close to city limits, does that need to be on the Form?

Also, Mr. Livengood further asked the City Attorney whether more information could be revealed on disclosure forms that the state law currently required.

Lobbyist Registration Form

Regarding the Lobbyist registration form that the City Clerk drafted and the City Attorney had provided a little feedback on, the Councilmembers agreed they wished to submit the form to the City Council for approval at the regular meeting. The City Attorney should review it explicitly as to form and provide any further guidance for the City Council.

As far as the opportunity to charge lobbyists a registration fee (as the ordinance permits), there was no call for that by the subcommittee members.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business before the Subcommittee, its meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM to Wednesday, September 6 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting minutes submitted by
Mary Lavelle, City Clerk